TITUSVILLE "333" MOSQUITO NET

UTC CHANGE IN EFFECT | Titusville, Florida | November 1, 1992

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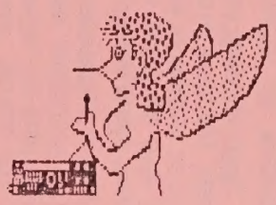

The Mosquito Net meets every Wed. evening on 28.333 MHZ at 1930 local time. Add 5 Hrs for UTC (4 when daylight savings time is in effect).

It is great to be back home after a very exciting and exhausting Summer.

My sincere thanks once again to Les K4BZJ for taking over as Net Control during my absences. Please let me know if you would like to fill-in for me when I am out of town or for some other reason unable to hold the net. I will handle all the paper work so you only have to worry about the fun part - doing the talking-.

As the 10 meter band improves more contacts are being made at net time. Twenty-five stinger numbers have been assigned since our last newsletter giving us 427 mosquitoes buzzing around the world. We still need Alaska, Hawaii, and South Carolina to give us mosquitoes in every state. We need your help to accomplish this goal. Encourage your ham friends in those states to check-in.

Tell us what has been happening with you when you check into the net. You may also list your own ham related items for sale as well your needs.

Gordon Allis, GØLRS, recently visited the Space Coast and the Titusville Amateur Radio Club. His interest in the Mosquito Net resulted in setting up a special schedule so that upon his return to England he could contact the Net and become a Mosquito. In spite of the QRM the contact was successful and he was issued Stinger #419. We hope to hear him on 28.333 as the band permits. Welcome aboard Old Chap!

Some net members have suggested that maybe it's time to start trading Stinger #s during our contacts. We have heard that some have been listed in paper chasers lists in other nets. Is that wild or what? If it feels good do it!

73

Carole Ann KC4VIN & Jose KC4VIO

MOSQUITOES IN THE NEWS

ALAN MARSDEN KC4UUX STINGER #408

Star-Advocate

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The voice of North Brevard since 1880

Wednesday, October 21, 1992

Marine Patrol major returns to Titusville

By GEORGE WHITE
Star-Advocate Writer

Florida Marine Patrol Maj. Alan Marsden is home again.

After eight years of being moved all over the state of Florida, Marsden has returned to the city where his career with the Marine Patrol began.

Marsden, 46, learned to move around as a child of a military family before his father was stationed in Panama City, where he went to high school and began a degree in criminal justice at Gulf Coast Community College.

After a stint as a city policeman in Panama City, Marsden decided to take to the water. In 1977, he became a Marine Patrol Officer and was stationed in the Titusville FMP District 7 headquarters.

"I was more interested in the resource protection aspect of the marine patrol. Another part of it was that you work with a totally different class of people, compared to working the streets," Marsden said.

Marsden learned to love North Brevard during his seven years in Titusville. He kept his home here after he was promoted to sergeant in 1984 and transferred to Key Largo.

Marsden made lieutenant during his three years in Key Largo, was promoted to captain in Naples in 1987 and became assistant district commander in Fort Myers in 1988.

Finally, in August, Marsden was promoted to major and came full circle as the commander of the Titusville FMP station where he began.

"I liked the area and it was my intention to one day come back and live here. I didn't expect to come back here as a major," he said.

As District 7 commander, Marsden is in charge of 35 officers, supervisors and support staff. The district covers 174 miles of coastline and rivers including, Volusia, Brevard and Indian River counties.

His duties include overseeing operation of the district, and meeting with local law enforcement heads, legislative delegations and civic groups about issues related to law enforcement on the waterways.

Marsden credits his willingness to move as the reason he climbed the ladder in the Marine Patrol.

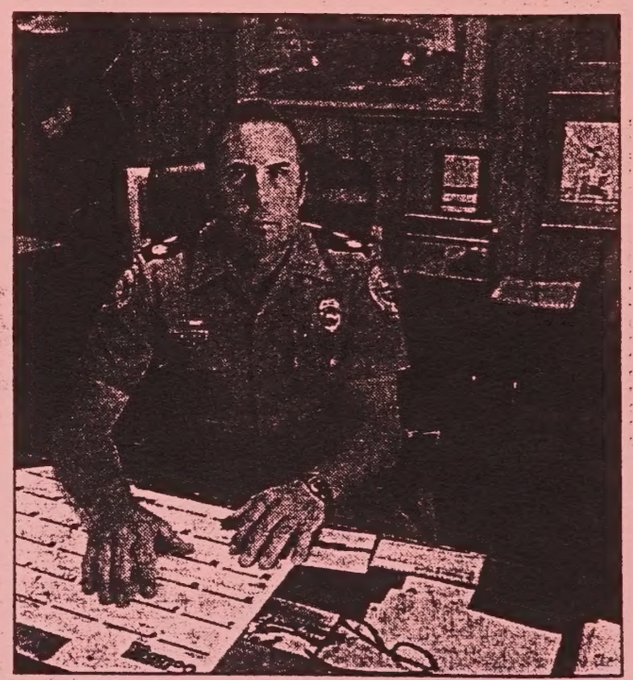
"I was used to moving around because my father was in the Navy. I think that helped me get the promotions because others would get locked into one area," he said.

Coming back has meant Marsden has had to take ribbing from co-workers about several accidents he had as a young officer in Titusville. One well-remembered incident involved Marsden injuring his neck during a late-night collision in the Haulover Canal.

"It is sort of hard to come back and supervise people who used to be your bosses and buddies, but I think it helps that I know the area," he said.

As for the remaining 10 or so years before retirement, Marsden said he is going to make every effort to stay put.

"I'm used to moving around but I'm here for good now until I retire — or until I make colonel," he added.



GEORGE WHITE, Star-Advocate

MARINE COMMANDER: Florida Marine Patrol Maj. Alan Marsden, who got his start in Titusville, returns as commander of the station.

TITUSVILLE "333" MOSQUITO NET

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It is hard to believe that one and a half months have already passed by this year. We know that time passes fast when you are having fun but this is ridiculous!

Our net continues to gain popularity and we now have a total membership of 439 Mosquitoes. That is quite a few stingers buzzing around the world and they are being heard often. We do not know of any confirmed stinger trading going on but do guess that it will only be a matter of time. Please let us know if you happen to hear this type of activity in the airways.

The second anniversary of the net is soon approaching. There will be a special certificate waiting for those checking-in the evening of the anniversary so get your microphones ready. The date is March 24, 1993. Tune into 28.333 MHZ at net time for more information.

The following is a true story (names have been omitted to protect the innocent): A strange croaking sound during a recent net time made us almost sure that there was a frog attempting to infiltrate our swarm. However, it did not take long for someone in the net to track the signal down and to discover that it was a local ham trying his best to check-in. The strange sound was created by a DC power starving transceiver. We all learned that it is near impossible to drive a 25 watts output radio with a 2 amp power supply. Correcting the problem added one more mosquito to the net. How sweet it is!

Our deepest simpathy to the families and friends of Silent Keys W2NCF Bob, Stinger #241; K4GEA Fonso, Stinger #6; and KA5YVT Frank, Stinger #222 .

With the hamfest season in full swing comes the opportunity to meet other mosquitoes. Wear your stinger number along with your name and call sign. You may be pleasantly surprised at the results!

Check-in regularly and tell us about your adventures in ham radio. We love to hear from you!

73 & 88
CAROLE ANN KC4VIN & JOSE KC4VIO

P.S. Did anyone notice the new graphics?

April '93

TITUSVILLE "333" MOSQUITO NET

P. O. BOX 6819
TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA 32782

Net meets every Wednesday evening at 2330 UTC (1930 FL time) on 28.333 MHZ.

The Mosquito Net celebrated its second anniversary by holding a special event during all day Wednesday, March 24, 1993. Local Net members held the net open for 16 hours and made a total of 176 contacts. Ninety hams became new members of the net.

This newsletter will share some of the experiences of that day so that you can have a feeling for the fun everyone had.

One of our most traveled mosquitoes, Jerry from Merritt Island, FL, Stinger #41, checked into the net as C56/KC4YDP. He was operating portable from Banjoul, Gambia, in the West coast of Africa. He was on the air during the day and told some of his contacts about our special event.

Jerry has been a great supporter of our net and is always a pleasure to keep in touch with him during his travels.

Planning for the celebration of the net's second anniversary started weeks before the event. Volunteers were obtained to be net control during the day and schedules were made so everyone would know when to take over the net.

The net was opened at 0545 EST and would you believe that the first check-in was Pat KQ4CY who just happens to be Mosquito #333. After this grand opening we just knew it was going to be a great day. Early mosquitoes started to swarm on their way to work and while having their first cup of coffee to make sure they did not miss out on the occasion.

The 10 meter band started to open around 9:30 a.m. and KB6NPW, Tom, from New Mexico was netted as the the first out of state mosquito.

"YOUNG HAMS"

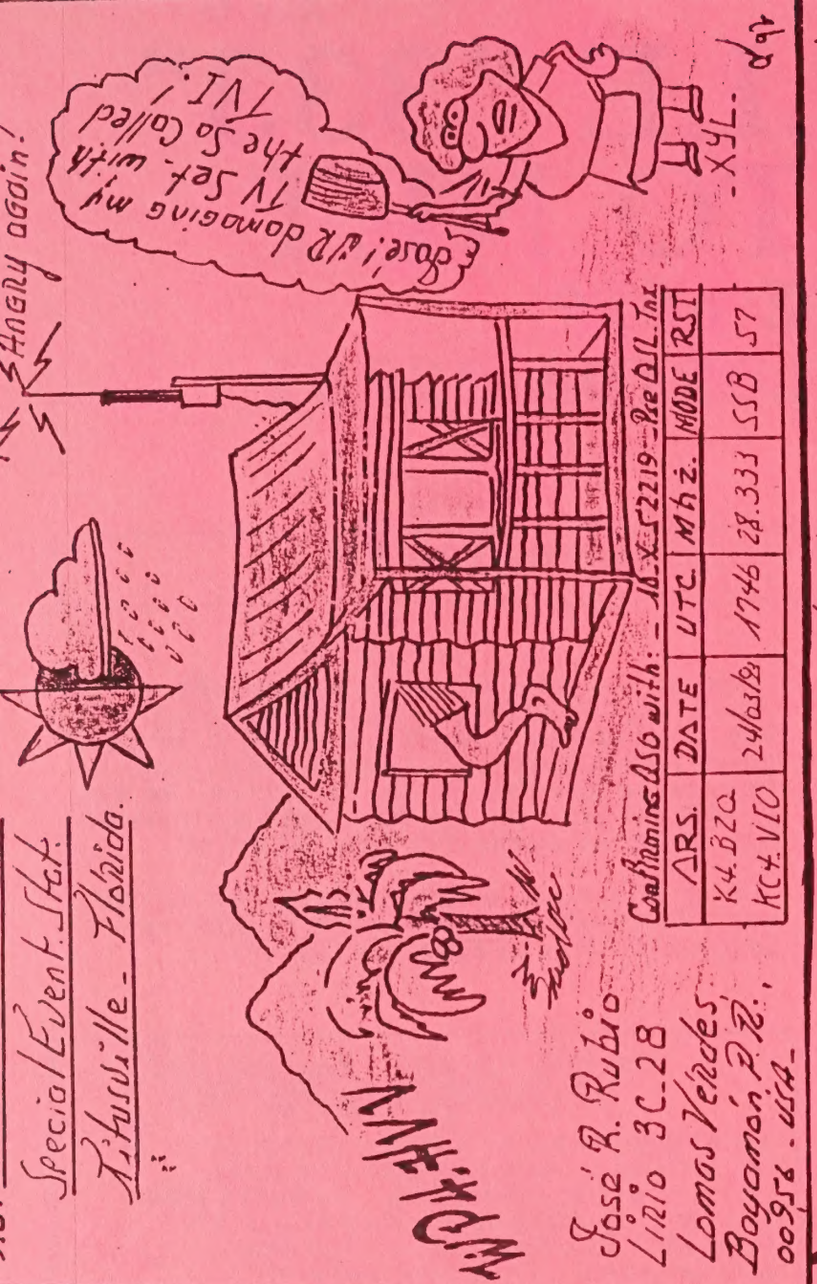
We are fortunate to have among our net members young people who have an interest in ham radio. We would like to give a special welcome to those who were able to check-in during the special event. From San German, Puerto Rico, Melvin WP4KCW, and his sister Janaira WP4KWZ (their father Manuel WP4KHZ also checked-in)

The Edgewood Jr. High School ARC, Merritt Island, FL also checked-in. Their "Elmer" is Dick KD4HOP.

Les K4BZJ was thrilled to net a real cowgirl as a mosquito. Sue KB5LMB sent us her QSL card with her on a horse to prove it.

Tom KQ4OY captured our first mosquito in Hawaii. Ben NH6US sent his QSL card from Kailua, Oahu as confirmation.

Are we having fun yet?


Angry again!
Josè! U R domoeing my TV Set with the So Called "NI"!
-XYL- 92
Special Event Station
Titusville - Florida.
Confirming QSO with: - Mr. Jose' 2219 - Re QSL Inf.
ARS. | DATE | UTC | Mhz. | MODE | RST
K4BZA | 24/03/93 | 1746 | 28.333 | SSB | 57
KC4VIO
Jose R. Rubio
Lirio 3C-28
Lomas Verdes
Bayamon, P.R.
00956 - USA

Bayamón P.R. 24 march 1993

Amigos - Les - José and all. "333 Mosquito Net Members" Tnx U for todays QSO and letting Me participate, in Ur. Net. - All of U and Ur Families R. w/cm. to P.R.

Amigos - this Note believed Funny QSL is design by myself. I do have others of dif. designs. I title this one "The (TVI) XYL Anger's Escape" Hi - Hi - ____

P.R. is a Small Island in The Caribbean - W. Indies - Only 100 mts long X 35 mts wid th. Discovered 19 Nov. 1493 by The Great Navigator, Christopher Columbus - during. His 2nd. Voyage to the New World.

My Rig: HR. 2510 - 25 wts. 15 amps. Ps. - Antron 99 - Vert. Ant. 65 ft. abv. gnd.

Myself - I'm a Young Guy - Only 67 - Hi - Hi - US Army Rtd. (WW II - Vt. Nam Era) -

Well Amigos - God Bless! Take Care! Good Health! And a O Strong - Sincere Hug - From My Family - To Yours!

Adios U - hasta - Siempre!

73. José

This is one of many QSL cards received by the Mosquito Net.

Operation of the Special Event would not have been possible without the help of many Net members. Special thanks to those who were net control: Jose KC4VIO, Cliff KC4SYD, Joe W4OPZ, Les K4BZJ, Les K4SJC, Tom KQ4OY, Bob W4VQB, and Ken N4EZV.

A few net members also helped out by relaying stations that were hard to copy and we thank them for their assistance. Teresa KD4YJE addressed envelopes and filled-in certificates.

Tom KQ4OY played a significant role in the preparation of the certificate and Jose KD4RVB did a beautiful job of printing the final product.

NET MANAGER'S CORNER

Best wishes to everyone during spring holidays and the summer days to come. I hope you are having fun and staying healthy.

Check-in often and let us know what you are doing. Many of us in Titusville monitor 28.333 most of the time and would love to hear from you.

Warm Regards,
Carole Ann KC4VIN and Jose KC4VIO

TITUSVILLE "333" MOSQUITO NET NEWS

August 1, 1993

YOUR STINGER # IS ___

SUMMER ISSUE 1993

One hundred and forty-six certificates were awarded during the Special Event held to celebrate the Mosquito Net"s second anniversary last March.

There are 516 net members in our rolls. It is getting harder to recognize everyone just by call sign so please use your stinger number when you check into the net. It will speed things up at the shack and leave more time for chatting.

Do not be bashful during net time. If you hear someone you would like to say hello to, just say "CONTACT" and net control will get you two together. You may exchange brief comments with anyone you like but should QSY for lengthy conversations. We also welcome your announcements of personal or technical nature and we love to hear about your latest adventures.

100 CHECK-INS

Stinger Number:			
9	K4SJC	Les	112
10	KC4SYD	Cliff	112
5	WN3DHI	Archie	108
1	KC4VIN	Carole	106
2	KC4VIO	Jose	103
42	AC4JX	David	101

TITUSVILLE HAMFEST

SAND POINT PARK

October 9, 1993 9:00 a.m.

Talk-in 146.91/146.97

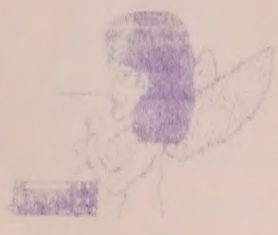
Our Net is now listed in the 1993-94 ARRL Net Directory (look on page 38). Our thanks go to the ARRL staff for their recognition. You will find this directory to be quite helpful in making radio contacts.

Colorful Mosquito Net certificates are awarded to net members for:

* 20 and 50 check-ins (out of state).

* 40 and 100 check-ins (within 50 miles from Titusville).

Perseverance is the key!



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DECEMBER 1993

NEWSLETTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ORLANDO CHAPTER ON THE AIR OCTOBER 5, 1993

Thirty hams were able to check-in during the first meeting of the Net's Orlando Chapter.

Jose D., KD4RVB, as Net Control, was very excited about the positive response by so many stations. A favorable 10 meter band opening helped in capturing ten new mosquitoes.

The chapter meets on 28.333 Mhz. every Tuesday at 1900 EST (2400 UTC).

All check-ins will receive cumulative credit towards the participation certificates so now you may earn yours faster by checking -in both evenings.

Effective January 5, 1994 the Titusville Chapter will start meeting at 1900 EST (2400 UTC) on Wednesday evenings. This will allow for check-in of those members having other commitments.

HOLIDAY WISHES

First, above all, we wish all of you the best of health and happiness during the Holiday Season. This is a special time when we share our love with family and friends and our treasures with those not as fortunate as we are. May this become a daily occurance in our lives as our contribution to the betterment of mankind.

Our second wish is for you to have a safe and prosperous New Year and one that brings you lots of local and DX contacts.

The growth of our net has surpassed all our expectations. The opening of the Orlando Chapter was a necessity in order to both accomodate the aspiring Mosquitoes that could not get on the air on Wednesday as well as to serve Florida hams who were unable to get into Titusville using ground wave in the 10 meter band. Orlando's central location will make it easier for them to obtain their Stinger number.

Please be patient when trying to check into the Net. Ask for a quick check-in if you cannot wait but be considerate to others who are waiting their turn. We love to hear your stories!

Titusville "333" Mosquito Net

P. O. Box 6819
Titusville Florida 32782

Mosquitoes in the News

Please send us your newsworthy stories so that we can share them with other net members as space permits. They may be personal, professional, or technical.

Silent Keys

With much sadness we share with you news of two Net members who have recently become Silent Keys:

N4QEM
Fred Allemeier
Stinger # 16
(Net Charter Member)
Titusville , Florida

K1SJO
William "Bud" Ayer
Stinger #185
Mims, Florida

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Plans are now in the making for the celebration of our Net's 3rd anniversary in March 1994. We'll keep you informed.

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**TARC Hamfest **

Titusville's Hamfest was a great success.

Many Mosquitoes (the ham type) attended the event and had the opportunity to eyeball each other at the Net table.

A few photos were taken of the Mosquitoes present.

It was nice to see you there.

Sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it possible as well as to those supporting the hamfest by their attendance.

Hope to see you at the next one !!!

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Hats off to AD4NA, Tom, Stinger # 444 for escorting a group of Mosquitoes on a personal tour of the Kennedy Space Center during Open House Day.
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WB1DBZ, Emil, Stinger # 20 is now in third place in the 10-10 International organization. Emil has collected over seventeen thousand 10-10 numbers and actively looks for more. Does he have yours yet?
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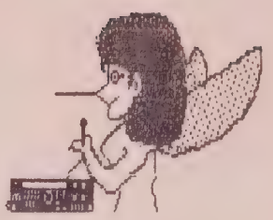
Congratulations to Ivan, PY2LJS, #277, on the recent birth of his grandchild in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Serving in Panama with the US Army has proven fortunate for Jorge, WP4KTF #541. He was blessed with the birth of a 6 lbs 8.5 oz girl Sept. 22 and then he became a mosquito the following week.

THE "333" MOSQUITO NET



CAROLE ANN RAMOS, KC4VIN
NET MANAGER
P. O. BOX 6819, TITUSVILLE FL 32782

NET MEETS ON 28.333 MHz EVERY WEDNESDAY 1900 HRS LOCAL TIME

"THE MOSQUITO NET" was inaugurated Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at 1930 local time. It started as a means to promote usage of the ten meter band in and around Titusville, Florida. The frequency chosen was 28.333 MHZ so that the novice hams could participate and it also seemed easy to remember. This net is sponsored by the TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and strictly supported by voluntary donations.

The name "MOSQUITO NET" was adopted due to our proximity to the MOSQUITO LAGOON which is part of the KENNEDY SPACE CENTER and the CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE.

The first evening there were 16 local hams who checked into the net. The fifth time the net met we had our first out of state station. Before we knew it we started to get check-ins from all over the Nation. October 5th and 6th 1991 we ran a special event during a tail-gate party with the TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB and captured our first International Mosquitoes that weekend!!!!!

There are presently 600+ net members. Each one has a lifetime stinger number. There are mosquitoes in 48 states, and in 14 countries. We have confirmed by QSL, 46 States and 10 countries. Five Maritime Mobiles have checked in from the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans. There are 12 mosquitoes on the Island of Puerto Rico and at least one in 6 Provinces of Canada.

This is a for fun net. We exchange ideas, tell personal stories, ask for advice, make announcements of general interest to the ham community and sometimes even exchange ten-ten numbers. If you get a laugh or even a smile from the net, we have accomplished our purpose. The direction that this net follows is mainly determined by the participation of those who check-in.

Let's see how far we can go with this net and have fun while doing it. Some incentives we have to keep you with us are: trophies and certificates for participation and for helping us with anything related to the net and its activities or operation. Best of all this net is free and you are a member simply by checking in and sending in a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your QSL card. We try to get a newsletter out four times a year but so far we only send it to newcomers when we mail them their membership package.

Tuesday October 5th, 1993 the Orlando FL chapter of the "333" MOSQUITO NET began operations at 7:00pm. KD4RVB Jose (our son) is net control.

Hope to hear you buzzing around often !!!!! Your suggestions are welcome.

73's

KC4VIN Carole Ann #1
KC4VIO Jose Aurelio #2
KD4RVB Jose Daniel #359

April 1, 1994

28.333 MHz

2300 UTC SUMMER/2400 UTC WINTER, 1900 HRS LOCAL TIME
TUESDAY - ORLANDO CHAPTER

JOSE D. RAMOS, KD4RVB
ORLANDO CHAPTER NET MANAGER
P. O. BOX 547102
ORLANDO FL 32854

THE "333" MOSQUITO JET

Mosquito Net News

APRIL 1994

The March 12th Special Event was just great. The bands were not at their best but, in spite of it, our control operators netted over 280 check-ins. We have received at least fifty SASE's, including some from short wave listeners, and more will be trickling in as time goes by. To those who sent envelopes "THANK YOU". Some of you sent small envelopes but since I could not bear to fold the certificates I will send them in large envelopes anyway.

The Titusville FL "333" Mosquito Net meets every Wednesday at 2400 UTC on 28.333 MHz. Net managers are KC4VIN Carole Ann Ramos and KC4VIO Jose A Ramos. We have over 600 mosquitoes all over the world. We invite you to join us when the band allows, just check in with Net Control, send an SASE with your QSL card, and you will receive your stinger number and information. There are no dues, this is a free net operating on donations and a low budget. HI HI ! !

We celebrated three years of net operation on March 27, 1994, with a family picnic beside the Indian River in Titusville. The food was great and everyone ate too much. There were games for the children: sack races, potato races, balloon sitting, and a pie eating contest. Three of our adult "?" hams decided to join the pie eating contest. Our Titusville Amateur Radio Club Vice President, KC4SYD Cliff won 1st place, he said ,"it is the mustache that beats them every time." The Club President K4CWG Bud had the 2nd most pie on his face, and KD4RQT Warren cheated for 3rd place. We had a 2 meter antenna contest with six entrants. Winners were: performance AD4NA Tom, originality W4VQB Bob, funniest K4CWG Bud, honorable mention KD4HNW Ken, W4EPU Pike and KE4AGL Ralph. The weather was perfect and the picnic a great success. This just may become an annual event for the last weekend in March.

The Orlando Chapter of The "333" Mosquito Net meets every Tuesday at 2400 UTC also on 28.333 MHz. Net Manager for that chapter is KD4RVB Jose D. Ramos. His net began on October 5, 1993 and is going strong with about 40 members.

Check in both nets and double your fun.

73 , Carole Ann KC4VIN

MOSQUITO NET NEWS

JULY 1994

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

WHERE IN THE STATES IS KC4VIN?

"Wow ! Jose, where are we now, in Georgia or Florida?" This has been a half and half year for the traveling duo (half in GA and half in FL). Business, pleasure, and our share of family emergencies have kept us on the road at least two weeks out of every month this year. Our sincere thanks go to Dan KE4BBR and his always ready to lend a hand wife Bobby Sue KE4BBS for keeping the MOSQUITO NET going and on the air during our absence.

Texas, North Carolina, Puerto Rico and, of course, Georgia are places we plan to visit during the rest of 1994 to visit family and friends and do some sightseeing.

Please let us know if you would like to be Net Control when we are out of town. The pay is not great but the hours are as well as the satisfaction of meeting friends on the air and practicing operating skills. Try it you'll like it!

Did you hear about the little boy who had a dream in which he ate a giant marshmallow? When he woke up his pillow was gone.

ARE YOU A MOSQUITO YET?

MOSQUITOES ARE SWARMING DURING FREQUENT TEN METER BAND OPENINGS.

THE TITUSVILLE, FL "333" MOSQUITO NET MEETS AT 2300 UTC EVERY WED. ON 28.333 MHz. CAROLE ANN KC4VIN IS NET MANAGER.

THE ORLANDO CHAPTER MEETS ON TUESDAY AT THE SAME TIME AND FREQUENCY. JOSE KD4RVB IS NET CONTROL IN ORLANDO.

ON THE AIR

We are having a lot of response to the net during the band openings and it probably seems that I spend a lot of time with these faraway Mosquitoes. Please, realize that some of them only get to check in once or twice a year and have been trying every Wednesday night in between. We appreciate your patience during these openings. We need these Mosquitoes when and if the net is activated for an emergency to provide communications all over the country. We have members in 48 states and 14 countries and one of these days the band will be a lot better (I HOPE SOON) and we will be able to use the net to its fullest potential.

This is a for fun net and I want everyone to participate as much as possible in a minute or two of chatter. It would be great to discuss a question or subject once in awhile. If you hear someone you would like to meet, or need a state or country, or get a ten-ten number from, yell "contact" and we'll give you a minute or two or you can move off to a different frequency for a longer QSO.

It's great when you have things to buy sell or trade or need. One of these days someone in Texas will want what you have and we'll suddenly be a worldwide traders net along with being the friendliest hams (MOSQUITOES) in Florida. REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE WORLD WITH HAM RADIO!!!.

Star-Advocate

Wednesday, July 6, 1994

BOB HUDSON

Behold the turtle... He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out.

Mosquito house' helps hospital

Certainly qualifying as a conversation piece a "mosquito house" produced by Titusville's **Harold Criner** and sold to help support the Shrine Burn and Crippled Children's Hospitals.

Criner got the idea from the Black Walnut Festival in West Virginia and has made between 600 to 700 of the items, which look like tiny bird houses. He says he knows it's not an original idea, but adopted it for this special purpose.

About an inch in size, the houses are completely finished, painted white, usually with red peaked roof and tiny nail perch, all atop a thin pole.

Criner used to paint the roofs green and gray, but said the red roofs are the most popular. He sells them at $1 each, with all proceeds going to the Shriner Hospitals.

Accompanying the "house" is a small folder telling what it is:

"This hand-painted mosquito house will accommodate 47 skinny mosquitoes or 22 fat ones. Experience shows that your mosquitoes may be reluctant to enter the house at first, but a little coaching from you will solve the problem.

"As your skinny mosquitoes gain weight, you may want to consider additional houses. Building and zoning restrictions allow only single or duplex units. Environmental considerations limit construction to single-story buildings.

"In addition to housing mosquitoes, other practical uses are: the enhancement of floral arrangements and potted plants. This house makes a unique gift for the person who has everything."

HOW ABOUT THEM SNOWBIRDS?

As you probably know, Titusville's population increases dearly during the Winter months when many "snowbirds" flock to our city in search of warmer and friendly conditions. We are fortunate to have among them several Hams who have joined our Net and made great contributions to its success. Once the snow melts and everyone goes back North, very little is heard from them until the next cold spell. However, that is not the case for those who have received Mosquito stinger numbers. Every Wednesday (when the band is open) they can be heard from where ever they may be trying to check into our Net. Even though we may not be able to hear them this far South, they are out there trying. How do we know? We know because during our travels we have heard them trying to reach the Net and have in fact been able to make contact with some of them. It is quite a thrill to meet a fellow Mosquito on the air, particularly when we are out of town.

THE BRAZILIAN CONNECTION

A very active Mosquito can be found in the city of Guaratingueta located in the mountains of Brazil. This two-legged Brazilian Air Force member can often be found buzzing around on 28.333 MHz as PY2IJS. Ivan (or Alex depending on the mood he is in) is Stinger # 277. He has recommended our Net to many stateside Hams and always includes Net information with his QSL cards. We hope that one day Ivan is able to visit the US and visit with all the Hams he has met on the air. Our congratulations to Ivan for all the goodwill he creates around the world.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!

Until next time 73 & 88,

KC4VIN Carole Ann &

KC4VIO Jose

TARC
Titusville, FL "333"
Mosquito Net

MOSQUITO NET NEWS

SPECIAL EDITION **AUGUST 1994**

MOSQUITO CONTROL ON THE ROAD

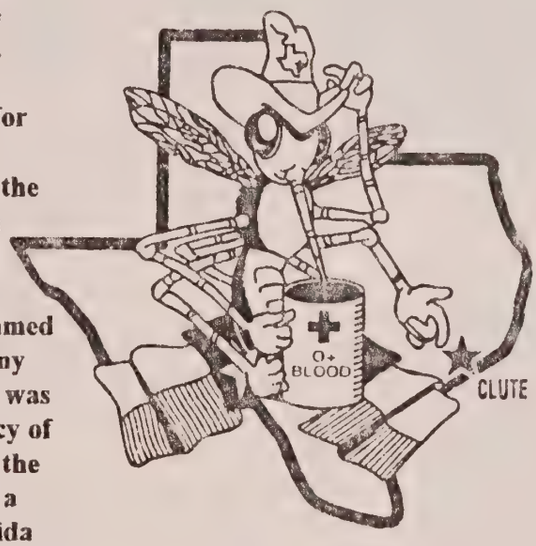
Is anybody going to San Antone ...?

With this old western song in our mind, a van loaded with enough provisions for a year's cruise, and our dog Tanner (Mosquito #1 1/2) we started a 3,200 mile trip to Texas.

There were two main purposes for this journey: to attend a family wedding in Houston and to be at the Great Texas Mosquito Festival in Clute.

Our 2 Meter radio was programmed to the repeater frequencies of many cities in our route and the HF rig was set to operate on the Net frequency of 28.333 MHz. We also monitored the South CARS Net (7.251 MHz) as a means to keep in touch with Florida on a daily basis.

GREAT TEXAS MOSQUITO FESTIVAL



Traveling on I-10 through the Florida Panhandle we made our first contact with a Net member. One of our newest Mosquitoes, Ed N1RFL, Stinger #589, from Spencer MA was quite surprised to find Mosquito Control away from Titusville. We had a nice chat and were very glad to meet him again.

We were in good spirits and felt quite refreshed after gaining one hour on the trip due to the time change. Our next contact was just after crossing the Alabama line and it came from our son Mickey KD4JAU #53 in Orlando. He was looking for us at the pre-arranged time of 2300 UTC and was happy to find out all was well. Les K4BZJ #3 in Titusville heard us and joined in for a friendly QSO. A well intended Ham, whose call we failed to get, was kind enough to let us know that we were interfering with him a few kilohertz away up in Ohio. Turning off our processor cured the problem and we all continued happily on our way. Thank heaven for his friendly advice.

Mobile Bay gave a boost to our antenna and all of a sudden there were mosquitoes everywhere. Don N2MWD #347 was mobile on the Space Coast and wished us his best. He was followed by another Don KB9HPT #530, in De Kalb IL. He had checked into the Net only once before but recognized our call signs and came along for the ride. Bill KR4CY #19 in Titusville joined us just before we entered the George Wallace tunnel under Mobile Bay.

On the other side of the tunnel we spoke with David AC4JX #42 who said he had been listening for a while from Titusville. He was followed by our other son Jose KD4RVB #359 in Orlando and Carole's brother Charles KE4KCT #600 in Brooklyn MI. A Pittsburgh PA mosquito, Bill KA3SWR #579, was our last 10 meter contact before the band dropped in perfect timing when we were stopping for the night.

During the evening the action was on 2 meters on a local repeater. Carole put out her call sign and was surprised to hear a voice come back with the question "Is this Jose's wife?" You just can't hide anywhere!! Bob K4FXP, a South CARS member and former Satellite Beach resident recognized the call sign and could not resist the come back. He assisted Carole in finding one of three local mosquitoes. Gary KC4MIX #383 was happy to hear that the Net was doing so well. Had a nice QSO with him as well as with other local Hams who joined in the conversation. It was a great beginning for the first day!

Our stay in Mobile AL was very pleasant. The highlight being Jose's reunion with a high school mate he had not seen in over 30 years. We had lunch at his home and caught up with some of the happenings during that time. We checked-in with South CARS to let them know of our whereabouts and left under cloudy skies heading west.

We arrived in Biloxi MS under torrential rain and hurried to find shelter before dark. Ten years had passed since our last visit there but we were able to find old friends and catch up with the latest news. Two days later with our bellies full of gumbo and the famous southern "Po'boys" and our pockets much lighter due to the slot machines at the casinos, we continued our journey.

In spite of terrible band conditions we contacted Vern KB4RBU #11 who was operating a special event station at Kennedy Space Center. Charlie KR4WB #389 called us from Cocoa FL to say hello and give us his new call sign.

Near Lafayette LA we talked with John KA5BSE #742 and his XYL Marina KB5SMX on 2 meters. He was on his way home from a business trip and we planned to meet when we returned. It was past lunch time and they told us about a great place to have yet another "Po'boy". Of course we had to try it. They were right!

Arrival in Houston went smooth and soon we were greeted by relatives we had not seen for some time. We became involved in the preparations of the wedding (one of the reasons for the trip) and took some time to rest. The wedding was great, the bride was beautiful (and almost an hour late to the ceremony), the reception and food were out of this world (you should have seen the cake), and we were up to 4:30 a.m. (something we had not done for a long time). I repeat what the famous movie star once said: "I'll be back!!"

Carole placed a 2 meter call for Nelson KB5WYY #741 in Spring TX (just north of Houston) and the call was answered by his XYL Desi KB5YGG who asked "Who is that woman calling my husband?" She really did not say it like that but we all had a good laugh about it. They invited us to their home where we met them and their two boys Buddy and Derrick. They prepared lunch and we celebrated new found friends and their nine year old son Buddy receiving his call sign KC5IKI just the day before. Nelson is one of the Orlando Chapter mosquitoes and we hope to have both his wife Desi and son Buddy as new Net members soon.

HF conditions did not cooperate much while we were in the Houston area , however, we made contact with Les K4SJC #9 in Titusville and told him of our progress. He passed on the information to others at the home QTH.

We continued on to San Antonio (did you notice the headline of this newsletter?) where we played tourist for four days and enjoyed many of the local sights. We dined on the beautiful River Walk, shopped and ate lunch at the Mercado, toured The Alamo (where we sneaked-in Tanner in his carry-on bag) and spent a day at Fiesta Texas enjoying the shows, rides, and spectacular laser show. Band conditions remained poor but we did succeed in checking into the Orlando Chapter with Jose, Net Control, all the way from San Antonio.

We wish we could have stayed longer in San Antonio, where we found everyone to be so friendly, but had to start our track East . Had an uneventful trip back to Houston where we made an overnight stop after experiencing the city's rush hour traffic (you should have been there). Visited again with relatives and were glad to hear that the bride and groom were safely back in town after their Jamaican honeymoon. After a good night rest mid-day found us back on the road again heading South towards the city of Clute and The Great Texas Mosquito Festival.

The road to Clute was pleasantly quiet once we left the hustle and bustle of the big city. Our first stop in town was at the Visitor's Center where we were warmly greeted by Ms. Jan Scott, a staff member. She was amazed to find out that we had come all the way from Florida to visit their festival and listened attentively as we told her about the history of the Titusville "333" Mosquito Net. She shared with us information about the festival and the local area and gave us brochures, maps, posters, and even bumper stickers to show we had been there. We left assured that we would have a good time during our visit.

Once we registered at a local motel a quick drive around town oriented us to the location of the festival. Carole called for Nick KB5SZQ #567 and he promptly replied telling us he was quite surprised that we had come for the festival and also to hear a female voice on 2 meters since they did not have many lady Hams in the area. Nick drove to where we were and it only took a few minutes of conversation to feel as if we had known him all our lives. He had a few errands to make so we agreed to meet later on and that he was going to try to contact another local mosquito who was working at the time. We returned to our motel and soon after received a telephone call from Greg KB5WLK #594. He said Nick had told him we were in town and wanted to get together. He selected a place where we could meet later on. The telephone rang again soon afterwards, it was Nick and he said he would also meet us at the same place.

Greg and Nick met us and having Ham radio as a common interest it did not take long to get the conversation going. Over cups of coffee stories were told that left no doubt as to how much we all enjoyed being amateur radio operators. They were interested in the origins of the Mosquito Net and listened patiently as Carole explained in detail how it came to be. Greg had some work to do and departed after we took a few pictures to commemorate our meeting.

We followed Nick to the fairgrounds where his wife Maria and daughter Temper were waiting for us.

The Great Texas Mosquito Festival was jumping with activities. Rides were full of laughing people, music was heard everywhere, and food vendors announced their special "mosquito delicacies". A giant Texas Mosquito towered over the grounds. Community organizations were well represented and even the US Post Office had a stand to sell limited edition envelopes and post cards with a special post mark in celebration of the festival. We walked around almost until closing time looking at everyone having fun, eating different things at many food stands, and watching real cowboys and girls dancing the two step. A dance style we seldom see at home.

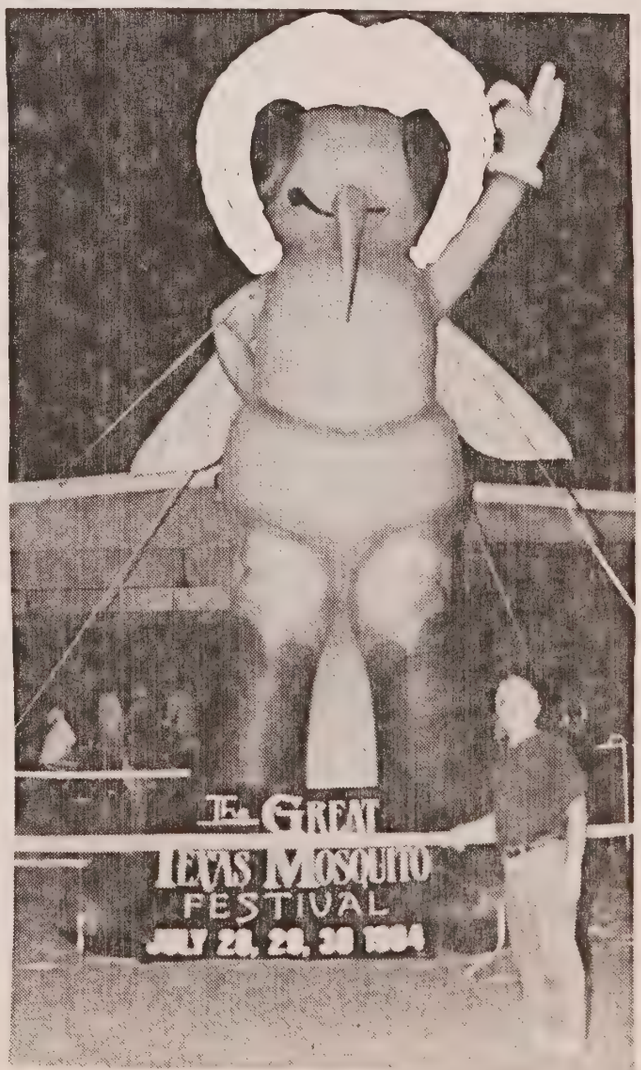
Back at the motel Carole went through two hand held radio batteries talking to several local hams until after one-thirty in the morning. They were all very friendly and made us feel quite welcome to Clute.

Next day we returned to the festival for one more look, to purchase T-shirts, and to pick up a glass blown mosquito one of the vendors promised Carole she would have ready for her.

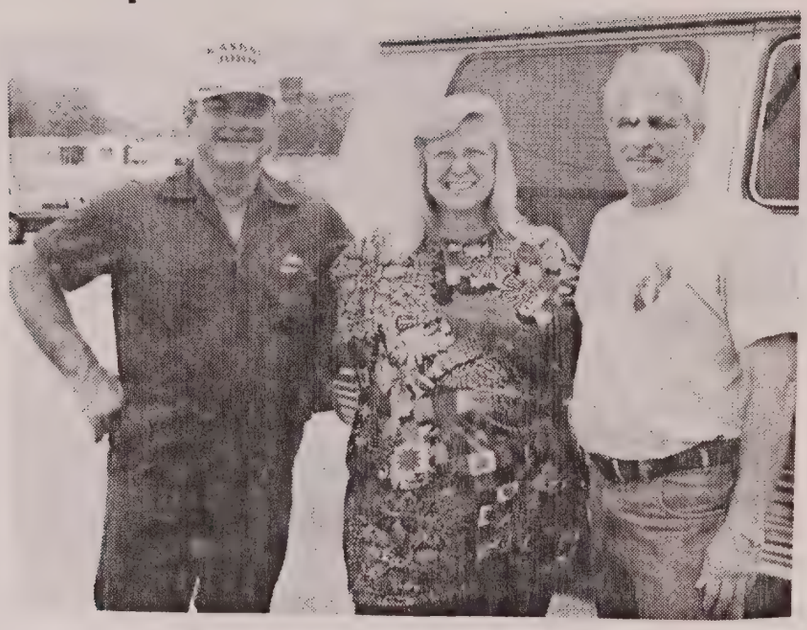
We left Clute in the afternoon and followed the road along the Gulf Coast to the city of Galveston. The scenery in this area is quite different from what we had seen before and the many stilt built homes stood proudly over land that has seen its share of hurricanes and tropical storms. Galveston Beach was crowded with weekend visitors and their colorful beach umbrellas went on for miles and miles. The Galveston Bay short ferry ride across to the Bolivar Peninsula was very relaxing and gave us a great view of this busy port.

A few hours later we arrived in Lafayette LA, found accommodations for the night, and were able to once again contact one of the Orlando Chapter mosquitoes John KA5BSE #742 and his wife Marina KB5SMX. After talking to them for a short while we decided to meet for breakfast next morning. It had been a long day and many miles had passed since early morning. It did not take long to fall asleep looking forward to the next day.

MARIA XYL | NICK KB5SZQ #567 | CAROLE KC4VIN #1 | GREG KB5WLK #594



JOSE KC4VIO #2 AND CLUTE'S MOSQUITO



JOHN KA5BSE #742 MARINA KB5SMX JOSE KC4VIO #2

Having breakfast with John and Marina gave us the opportunity to hear about their travels and to gain some insight of the Cajun culture. John is on the road much of the time as a requirement of his work while Marina patiently waits for his return so they can then go out together on camping trips. They are a great couple, the kind of people we love to have as friends. Marina brought us fresh and delicious homegrown figs which we enjoyed during the rest of our trip. She also gave us a jar of fig preserves she prepared and we are still savoring what is left of that. We had to get back on the road and continue our trip but left the city of Lafayette with good feelings about our new found friends.

Our next stop was Bay St. Louis in the Gulf Coast of Mississippi where we indulged in some great seafood. While we were there 40 meters was wide open. A South CARS net member, Don W4KTV in Zellwood FL phoned our son Jose KD4RVB #359 in Orlando. Jose fired up his rig and was able to come aboard for a short QSO. Bob N4UVC, a good friend in Savannah GA, heard us and came on board to find out what we were doing so far from home. Verble WA4BTU #590 and Ki WA4HSY, both in Titusville, also came in with a booming signal (5/9 +) to greet us.

From there we drove into Biloxi where we spent the night. Knowing that it will be sometime before we have another chance to visit that area, we indulged in more gumbo as well as crab meat and oyster "Po'boys" (eat your heart out!). Also tried to recoup some of our losses at the slot machines: we are sure you can guess the outcome.

Before leaving Mississippi we made a stop in Ocean Springs to visit Stan and Dot, friends we had not seen for about twenty years. As luck may have it they had just been through Titusville last June but had no idea this was our home.

The ride back through Alabama went fast and we crossed the Florida line in a very short time. Not having any particular time to be back home we decided to take the scenic route and follow the Gulf Coast along the Florida Panhandle.

Pensacola's pure white sandy beaches were spectacular, we had nearly forgotten the beauty of this part of Florida. We called CQ on 28.333 and were pleasantly surprised to have Carole's brother Charles KE4KCT #600 answer from Michigan. We related to him the beauty of the area and he was glad that our trip was so enjoyable. He also informed us his XYL, Bonnie KE4MXB, had finally received her call. "CONGRATULATIONS," we have another Ham in the family!

From Fort Walton Beach we made contact with Les K4BZJ #3 in Titusville and Clint WB4WMY #703 in Orlando. Just past Destin we had a brief contact with John KA4WIQ #549 in Titusville and once again with Charles in Michigan. All of a sudden band conditions went from great to nil as we continued into Panama City to spend the night.

Next morning we discovered our van's air conditioner had quit working. Must have been a message from above that it was time to get home. We still followed the coast for a while longer and even took a side trip into Cape San Blas near Apalachicola. We had a great seafood dinner in Carrabelle and continued up the seashore to Panacea. The road veered off the coast at this point but the different scenery was still worth the longer drive.

By late afternoon we neared the Ocala area and could almost feel the breeze blowing in from Playalinda in Titusville. Driving through Deland we made one last contact on 28.333 MHz. We checked into the regular session of the Orlando Chapter of the Mosquito Net with our son Jose as Net Control. We knew then we were home and what better way to end a fabulous journey. Our sincere thanks to all of you who made it possible.

Carole Ann KC4VIN Mosquito #1

and

Jose KC4VIO Mosquito #2

JANUARY 1995 WINTER EDITION

MOSQUITO NET NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Y'all Come!!!

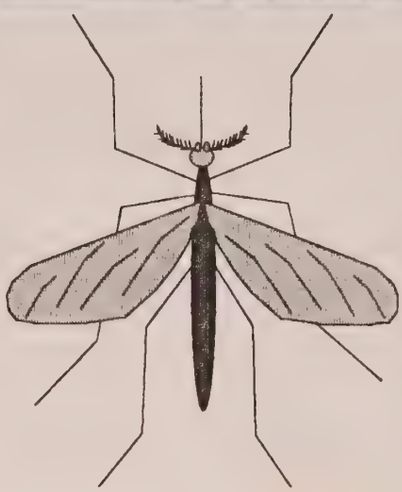
The Net will be celebrating its 4th anniversary March 26, 1995. To commemorate this event a picnic will be held at Sand Point Park in Titusville starting at noon. As in the past, the Net will provide the main entree (Spanish rice and grilled pork). Please bring a covered dish of your choice along with your own drinks. This is a family affair so make sure you bring along your children. Plans are on the making for games as well as a fishing contest for the children. A talent contest is also being planned so dig out your musical instruments and sharpen your dancing skills. There will be activities for everyone and we hope you will not be too bashful to participate. Please let us know if you are going to be there so we can plan accordingly. Fun, Fun, Fun!!

ASTRONAUT MOSQUITO

A stowaway mosquito was discovered during a recent shuttle flight. The news traveled throughout the world and many wondered if our Net had anything to do with it due to our proximity to the Space Center and many of our members working in the launch team. As much as we would have liked to claim responsibility, it was pure coincidence. We received a newspaper clipping about the stowaway from Tanya N7QJX and Charlie N7QJY Stinger #'s 619 and 620. Tanya and Charlie are sailing on the vessel "Cindy" and their last position was Brunswick , GA.

Titusville FL to Augusta GA - 375 miles.

We have made this trip several times since Fall for both work and pleasure. The work has been hard: keeping 4 acres mowed, doing some painting, fence mending, patio building and many other not so pleasant chores. The pleasure, however, has been well worth the efforts. Particularly being there for the birth of our 7th grandchild. Carley was born December 10, 1994. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.



28.333 MHZ WED. 2400Z

The Net continues to meet on schedule. Dan AD4VU and Bobbi Sue AD4VV have taken great care of the Net members when we have been out of town. Our sincere thanks to both of them as well as to all the members who check-in.
The Orlando Chapter meets on Tuesday, same time and frequency. Jose KD4RVB runs very interesting chat sessions with the Orlando group as well as with other mosquitoes who check-in when the band cooperates.
Total Net membership is 696. This includes members in 14 countries, Puerto Rico, and 48 states (still need South Carolina and Alaska for WAS).

** OUT IN THE COLD **

And in her nightgown no less! That is how our first mosquito, Carole Ann, found herself recently. Jose had left for a meeting and had locked all doors at home (being so security conscious) not realizing his care taker was in the laundry room just outside the kitchen door. Panic! Then more panic sat in when she realized her predicament. She had no key, all radios were locked up inside, and she was not about to go next door in her nightie without any make-up or combed hair. To make it even worse, she could hear Jose on the radio telling a friend he would be back home in about 3 1/2 hours.

(The saga continues on page 2.)

Out in The Cold, **(continued from page 1.)**

The warm air coming from the clothes dryer was not comfortable enough for the cool Florida day. The sudden realization that help was not likely to arrive soon and fear that someone may drop by to say "Hello", motivated our heroine to take immediate action.

Windows would not open, doors were not ajar and the barking dog was soon to give up her secret. "Oh, what am I to do?" she said to herself while looking at Tanner (the barking dog) expecting a reply but knowing one would not be heard. (Ed. note - As if she was going to listen anyway.)

She was fortunate to find a piece of wire (no, it was not coax) and skillfully shape it in such form to look and work as a key. Luck being on her side, she soon realized the door dead bolts had not been set making her work much easier. After several tries while conversing with herself, since the dog would not listen anymore, she was able to pick one door lock and get back in.

A happy ending to a "it won't happen to me tale". The moral of the story? If you have an HT, never leave home without it!

WP4KTF/HP1XZQ

Panama Mosquito Visits Net Headquarters

Jorge Martinez, Stinger # 541, flew in to see us in October while on a trip to Florida. He is stationed in Panama with the US Army. The September 94 issue of QST carried an article about Jorge's role in the rescue of a Cuban refugee boat which was under attack by Cuban gunboats and had on board injuries. Using ham radio frequencies he was able to maintain communications between the refugees and the Coast Guard until the rescue at sea was completed. It was a great pleasure to meet Jorge in person. We are proud to have him on our roll.

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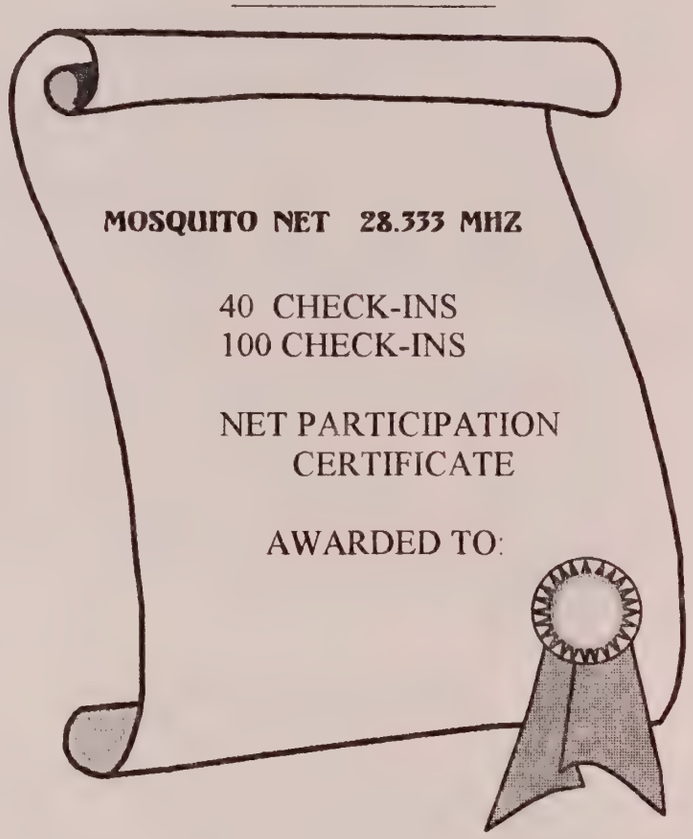
Please let us know if you are going to visit the Space Coast. We would like to meet you while you are here. We monitor 146.91 MHz, one of the local repeaters.

READY TO SERVE

The Mosquito Net is affiliated with ARES through the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center. During a recent weather related watch the Net was activated and had 21 mosquitoes check-in ready to assist as needed. The storm by-passed our area and no other action was needed from us. Thanks to all of you who were ready to help the community by providing emergency communications.



DID YOU GET YOURS YET?

The Net awards certificates of participation for the 40th and 100th check-ins. Many have received their 40th and several the one for 100. A few members are close to 200 check-ins. Will you be the first?

Well that is all for now folks!! Hope to hear you buzz around soon..

73,

Carole Ann KC4VIN and Jose KC4VIO

Stinger # 1 Stinger # 2

MOSQUITO NET NEWS

Spring 1995

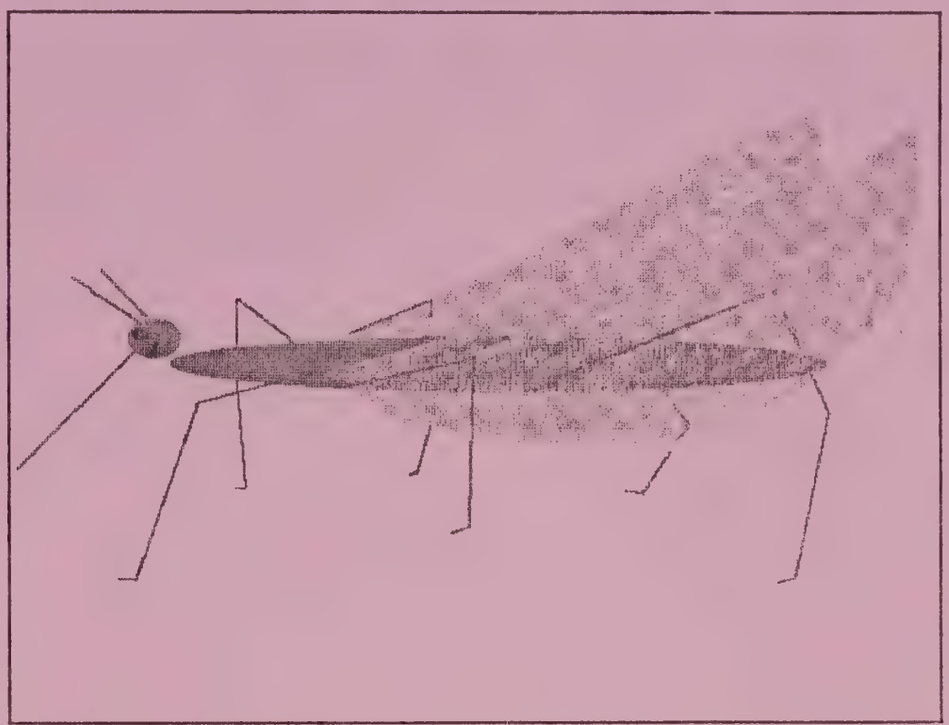
Anniversary Picnic: A Great Success

Mosquito Net members and their families enjoyed a gorgeous Florida day while attending the Net's fourth anniversary picnic. The picnic was held March 26 at Sand Point Park along the shores of the Indian River in Titusville. Eighty-seven people attended according to the best possible count.

There was a great and tasty variety of covered dish food brought in to accompany the Puerto Rican style roasted pork, barbecue, and rice with chicken provided by the Net. Three large tables could barely accommodate all the specially prepared plates and the many delightful deserts were a great hit with everyone.

'Best picnic I have been to for a long time !!"

Wish we could remember what everyone brought to eat so we could prepare a recipe book and attempt to duplicate many of the delicacies. Many were heard saying that they had not been to such a good picnic for a long time.



"AEDES TAENIORHYNCHUS"

And the winners are.....

Everyone was a winner in their own right but we did choose first placement for the various contest that were held during the picnic:

Mosquito Egg Hunt - Tommy (AD4NA son)
Transmitter Hunt - Christopher (KE4LNS son)
Mosquito Legs (F)- Toyia KE4BBG
Mosquito Legs (M)- Warren KS4GP
Talent Contest - Pat (K4BZJ XYL)

The great finale was the Pie Eating Contest. It was divided into three categories according to age groups.

Children - Terry (AD4NA daughter)
Teenagers - Daniel (WB4SIG son)
Adults - Ken KD4HNW
Tom AD4NA

Our sincere thanks to Toyia, KE4BBG who so graciously and efficiently planned and administered the children activities.

NET STILL GOING STRONG

Even tough the 10 meter band is in a down cycle, the Mosquito Net continues business as usual.

We are starting our 5th year of operation with 720 members in our rolls. We average 25 to 30 check-ins during each session and normally stay on the air one to two hours. During the last four years we have had approximately 6,655 check-ins from Net members. That number does not take into account the many more who have checked-in out of curiosity but did not want to become full fledged mosquitoes. Two Net members, Les, K4SJC, and Cliff, KC4SYD, have received their 200 check-in certificates. Many have received their 100 certificate and quite a few the one for 40.

Les, K4SJC, and Cliff, KC4SYD, received their 200 Check-in Certificates during the Net's picnic.

Due to unfavorable band conditions most of our check-ins for the last couple of months have been from local members. However, during occasional band openings we get mosquitoes buzzing in from everywhere.

Please be patient when trying to check into the Net. Pile ups do happen and our ears do not seem to function as well as they used to. Using your stinger number usually makes it easier for us to recognize you. Also let us know if you are mobile or in a hurry so we can give you the opportunity to speak your piece before you dissapear.

We love to hear from you and about your adventures so be ready to tell us what you have been up to when you check in.

WHAT A NIGHT!!

The Net session on May 3 was a humdinger. The band was open towards the Northeast and the check-ins kept on coming. There were 51 Hams who enjoyed participating in the Net during the three hours it remained open. Twenty nine were first timers into the Net and would you believe? ... some of them had been trying to get into the Net for months. THIS IS WHAT HAMMING IS ALL ABOUT !!!

For Jim, KA3YWR, from Paradise PA, it was his first SSB contact and he seemed tickled pink about it being with the Mosquito Net. He will receive an ARRL First Contact Certificate along with his stinger number.

A sincere welcome to all who checked in for the first time during that rare band opening.

THE MOSQUITO NET MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 1900 HRS FL TIME (2300 UTC/SUMMER) ON 28.333 MHZ. THE ORLANDO CHAPTER MEETS ON TUESDAY AT THE SAME TIME AND FREQUENCY.

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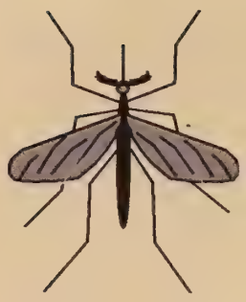
CAROLE ANN, KC4VIN AND JOSE KC4VIO



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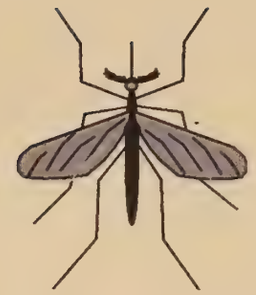

NET MEETS ON 28.333 MHz EVERY WEDNESDAY 1900 HRS LOCAL, 2300 UTC

"THE MOSQUITO NET" was inaugurated Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at 1930 local time. It started as a means to promote usage of the ten meter band in and around Titusville, Florida. The frequency chosen was 28.333 MHz so that the novice hams could participate and it also seemed easy to remember.. There are no net membership fees. The net is supported only by voluntary donations.

The name "MOSQUITO NET" was adopted due to our proximity to the MOSQUITO LAGOON that is part of the KENNEDY SPACE CENTER and the CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE.

The first evening there were 16 local hams who checked into the net. The fifth time the net met we had our first out of state station. Before we knew it we started to get check-ins from all over the nation. October 5 and 6 of 1991 we ran a special event during a tail-gate party with the TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. We captured our first International Mosquito that weekend, G0ACK Don, in London, England!!!!! We closed our first special event with that prize mosquito as our last check-in of the event.!!!!!

There are presently **881** net members. Each one has a lifetime stinger number. There are mosquitoes in **50** states, and in **13** countries. We have confirmed by QSL **47** states, and **10** countries. **Five** maritime mobiles have checked in from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. There are **12** Mosquitoes on the Island of Puerto Rico. We have at least one "skeeter" in **6** Provinces of Canada.

This is a for fun net. Members briefly tell their personal stories and let us know how they are doing in their part of the world. We make announcements of general interest to the ham community. If you get a laugh or a smile from the net we have accomplished our purpose of spreading joy and friendship in the world of amateur radio.

We are affiliated with the Brevard County, Florida emergency services. We will activate an emergency net on 28.333 when the need arises.

We are in our eleventh year of operation!!! We hope you will be patient during these times when trying to check-in. Please use your stinger number with your call when checking in, as it immediately identifies you as a net member. We list our roster in numerical order. You must keep track of your own check-ins if you want a certificate for 50, 100, and 200 check-ins.

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE IS REQUIRED) for snail mail. We also accept email requests to become a member. A note or postcard, with the information pertaining to your check-in, is acceptable. Short wave listeners will receive a membership if they write or email to us. An information letter goes out to newcomers only and to those who have email. We are also on Echo Link.

Hope to hear you buzzing around often!!! Let's have fun!!!! Your suggestions are welcome.

"73"

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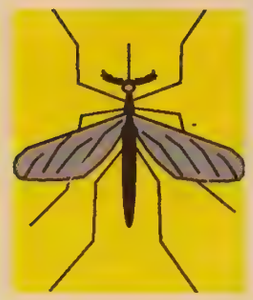

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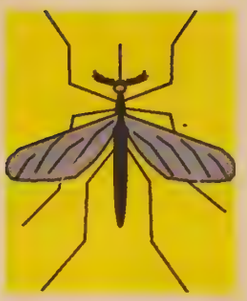

NET MEETS ON 28.333 MHz EVERY WEDNESDAY 1900 HRS LOCAL, 2300 UTC

"THE MOSQUITO NET" was inaugurated Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at 1930 local time. It started as a means to promote usage of the ten- meter band in and around Titusville, Florida. The frequency chosen was 28.333 MHz so that the novice hams could participate and it also seemed easy to remember. There are no net membership fees. The net is supported only by voluntary donations.

The name "MOSQUITO NET" was adopted due to our proximity to the MOSQUITO LAGOON that is part of the KENNEDY SPACE CENTER and the CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE.

The first evening there were 16 local hams who checked into the net. The fifth time the net met we had our first out of state station. Before we knew it we started to get check-ins from all over the nation. October 5 and 6 of 1991 we ran a special event during a tailgate party with the TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. We captured our first International Mosquito that weekend, G0ACK Don, in London, England!!!!! We closed our first special event with that prize mosquito as our last check-in of the event.!!!!!

There are presently **930** net members. Each one has a lifetime stinger number. There are mosquitoes in **50** states, and in **13** countries. We have personally confirmed by QSL **47** states, and **10** countries. **Five** maritime mobiles have checked in from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. There are **12** Mosquitoes on the Island of Puerto Rico. We have at least one "skeeter" in **6** Provinces of Canada. There is **1** Mosquito on the Island of Grenada.

This is a for fun net. Members briefly tell their personal stories and let us know how they are doing in their part of the world. We make announcements of general interest to the ham community. If you get a laugh or a smile from the net we have accomplished our purpose of spreading joy and friendship in the world of amateur radio. We want to keep it as simple as possible so that brand new hams will feel comfortable checking in and using the net.

We are affiliated with TARC and the Brevard County, Florida emergency services. We will activate an emergency net on 28.333 when the need arises.

We are in our Thirteenth year of operation!!! We hope you will be patient during these times when trying to check-in. Please use your stinger number with your call when checking in, as it immediately identifies you as a net member. We list our roster in numerical order.

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE IS REQUIRED) for snail mail. We also accept email requests to become a member. A note or postcard, with the information pertaining to your check-in, is acceptable. Short wave listeners will receive a membership if they write or email to us. An information letter goes out to newcomers only and to those who have email.

Hope to hear you buzzing around often!!! Let's have fun!!!! Your suggestions are welcome.

"73"

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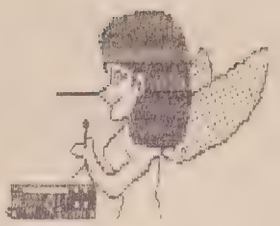
MOSQUITOES IN THE NEWS



First the Bad.....

* Mosquito # 36, Jack W4AVP was involved in an automobile accident on his way back home to New Jersey. There was no one hurt in his car and we are certainly thankful for that.

* Mosquito #50, Joe W4OPZ slashed a finger while doing remodeling work at home. One of those bathroom accidents.

* Mosquito #555, Toyia KE4BBG had a close encounter with her bed requiring some painful staples. We'll categorize this one as a bedroom accident.

* Mosquito #183, Walt KC4VVG fell from a ladder and broke his shoulder blade. He is back on his feet and checked-in from Virginia last week. Way to go Walt!

* Mosquito #1, Carole KC4VIN also fell or better yet flew off a ladder and was lucky to only get a bump on her head and a few minor bruises. It did however almost scare Mosquito #2 to death.

* Mosquito #5, Archie WN3DHI also had a bad fall and broke a heel. He will be on crutches for some time but seems to be in good spirits.

All these accidents were related to Summer activities so please be careful while doing your daily chores and take good care of yourselves.

And now the good...

*Mosquito #2, Jose KC4VIO had a great time in Puerto Rico with family and friends. Also had eyeball QSO's with a couple of Hams he had met on the radio.

*Mosquito #428, Dianna KB6NAN is the new Net Control for the 10-10 Monday Alternate Net on 28.380. Her QTH is on the top of a ridge at 1200' elevation in Pescadero, CA. Congratulations Dianna!

*Mosquito #180, Bill WA4CUO made the Community Spotlight News for his work as President of the Brevard County Community Services Council. He provides services to meet the special needs of senior citizens and disabled adults. We know we will be in good hands when in need.

*Mosquito #496, Thomas WD4NGI is a Radio Officer in the USNA Sealift Arabian Sea. He is an old friend who had not been able to contact the Net from his home in Georgia but was able to do so as a marine mobile in the Atlantic Ocean. To add icing to the cake we were able to make a phone patch for him with his family during net time. Life just does not get any better!

Well "THAT'S ALL FOLKS". We will be looking for you on Wednesdays at 2330 UTC (1930 HRS or 7:30 PM) (little hand on the 7 and big hand on... oh well you know what I mean!). 28.333 MHZ is where it is at.

73 DE CAROLE & JOSE KC4VIN/VIO

TITUSVILLE "333" MOSQUITO NET

NET AWARDS STINGER NUMBER "333"

Lucky number goes to TARC member.

Pat KD4JBI, a local resident and Titusville Amateur Radio Club member, received Stinger Number "333" when he checked into the net May 6, 1992. He received a special certificate to celebrate this memorable event as well as a huge mosquito handcrafted by Carole Ann. Congratulations!

By now most of you probably heard about the article that appeared in the "Star Advocate", the local weekly paper, about the Mosquito Net. We were very pleased with the publicity for the net and hope it will help to keep it going.

Jim N7QHK, Stinger Number 156, and Lee, his XYL, visited Titusville recently and had a taste of Space Coast living. They toured the Kennedy Space Center and the Black Point Wildlife Drive. They saw a few alligators in their natural habitat not far from where they had just observed the marvels of Space. Jim hopes to continue assisting with check-ins from his home in Scottsdale, AZ. Life just doesn't get any better!

JOSE KC4VIO, Mosquito No. 2

The Mosquito Net meets at 2330Z (1930 EST) every Wednesday on 28.333 MHZ. SEE YOU THEN!

Interest in our net keeps growing with every meeting bringing in more members. I appreciate your participation as that is what keeps us going. Use your stinger number when you buzz-in to make it easier for us to find you. Please be patient and keep trying if I do not copy you right away.
I will be doing some traveling this Summer and other Mosquitoes have volunteered to be net control during that time so do not be surprised if you hear a different voice at net time. I will have a mobile rig along and will try to keep up with what is going on.
The second Mosquito Net special event is still in the making for October 3, hope to copy you then.

Carole Ann KC4VIN, Mosquito #1.

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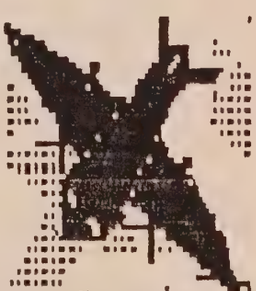

TITUSVILLE "333" MOSQUITO NET

MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 400

Mosquito Stinger #400 awarded to KA1WTO - Debbie in Meriden, CT.

Nine new Mosquitoes were netted during a rare 10 meter band opening August 5, 1992. The 400 member mark was attained and the number keeps growing.

Buzzing can now be heard in 47 states (45 confirmed) as well as in 9 countries, 6 Canadian provinces, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The significance of the Mosquito Net goes well beyond our Wednesday evening meeting, 28.333 MHZ has become a popular meeting place for TARC members at home and while traveling. Calling CQ on this frequency can bring many pleasant surprises.

Les - K4BZJ and Cliff - KC4SYD kept fairly busy taking care of the net for three weeks. They had a good taste of how much fun it can be to handle traffic and meet friends at the same time.

A cordial invitation goes to all of you to tune-in and take part in this weekly club activity. The net is here for you and only your support will keep it alive.

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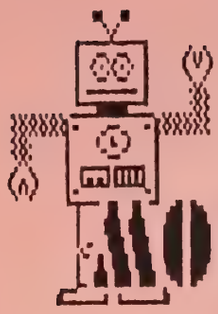
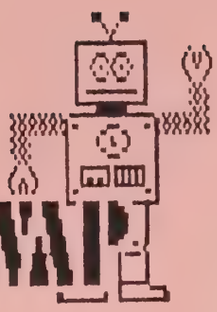
A special event will be held in October with TARC's Ham and Swap Tailgate Party. This was a popular part of last year's activities and gave many the chance to obtain net control experience. Incidentally, the tailgate party plans are coming along just fine. It will be held October 3, 1992, 9:00 to 5:00, at Arthur Dunn Airport. Start to gather all the items you would like to dispose of and also prepare your shopping list. Admission, and spaces are free. The Experimental Aircraft Association is having their Fly-in and display at the same time. Food and refreshments will be available. This is a family affair. Last year was a SELLOUT!!

73

Carole Ann KC4VIN & Jose KC4VIO



FIRST ANNUAL MOSQUITO HAM AND SWAP FEST



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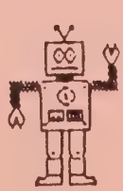

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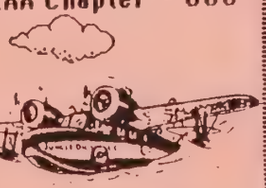

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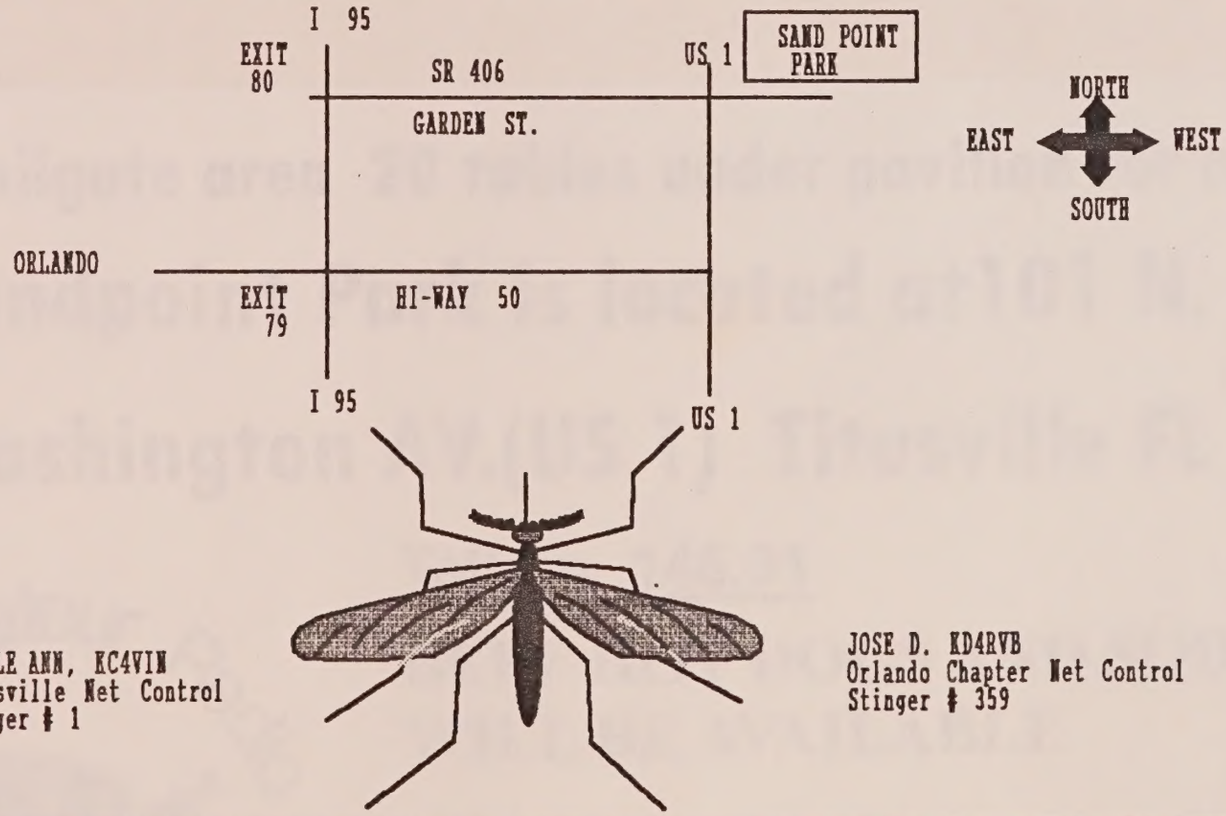
28.333 MOSQUITO NET PICNIC

Net members and their families are cordially invited to a picnic in celebration of the Net's Third Anniversary. The picnic will be held at Sand Point Park in Titusville starting at noon, Sunday, March 27,1994. The park is located on the shores of the Indian River just before going over the draw bridge leading to Playalinda Beach. Please bring a covered dish and your favorite refreshments or anything you feel will contribute to the success of the event. Limited space will be provided to be used as a tailgate area for those members who would like to bring ham related items to sell or trade during the picnic. Please let your Net control know if you plan to attend so that we have a general idea of how many will be attending.



CAROLE ANN, KC4VIN
Titusville Net Control
Stinger # 1

JOSE D. KD4RVB
Orlando Chapter Net Control
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The Mosquito net meets each Wednesday on 28.333 MHZ AT 7 PM

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